Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The education and development of young people offer the greatest hope for the future of all South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, V. Joseph McAuliffe served as the South Dakota 4-H Program Leader from 1977 to 1984, and because of his efforts, will be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame on October 10, 2008; and,

Whereas, Joseph's leadership philosophy fostered partnerships with state and national leaders in business, industry, government, and education as a way to expand support for 4-H and youth education in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Joseph believes in the value of volunteers, and initiated a state 4-H Policy Advisory Committee to empower volunteer leaders and to build local support for 4-H programs; and,

Whereas, Joseph fostered international understanding by establishing funding and exchange opportunities with youth development programs in Japan, Norway, the former Soviet Union, Jamaica, and other countries; and,

Whereas, Joseph strengthened fundraising and management practices of the South Dakota 4-H Foundation and led efforts to revitalize the 4-H experience at the South Dakota State Fair, creating a State 4-H Horse Show; and,

Whereas, Joseph led statewide efforts to improve 4-H curriculum and to assure all young people in South Dakota had equal access to all 4-H programs; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2008, as

JOSEPH McAULIFFE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State